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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1089

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 52-557b of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2009*):

6 (a) A person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under the
7 provisions of chapter 370 or dentistry under the provisions of section
8 20-106 or members of the same professions licensed to practice in any
9 other state of the United States, a person licensed as a registered nurse
10 under section 20-93 or 20-94 or certified as a licensed practical nurse
11 under section 20-96 or 20-97, a medical technician or any person
12 operating a cardiopulmonary resuscitator or [an automatic external

13 defibrillator, or] a person trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [or
14 in the use of an automatic external defibrillator] in accordance with the
15 standards set forth by the American Red Cross or American Heart
16 Association, or a person operating an automatic external defibrillator,
17 who, voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the ordinary
18 course of such person's employment or practice, renders emergency
19 medical or professional assistance to a person in need thereof, shall not
20 be liable to such person assisted for civil damages for any personal
21 injuries which result from acts or omissions by such person in
22 rendering the emergency care, which may constitute ordinary
23 negligence. A person or entity that purchases, donates, facilitates the
24 installation of, provides training in the use of or otherwise makes
25 available an automatic external defibrillator shall not be liable for the
26 acts or omissions of the person or entity in purchasing, donating,
27 facilitating the installation of, providing training in the use of or
28 otherwise making available an automatic external defibrillator, which
29 may constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this
30 subsection does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross,
31 wilful or wanton negligence. Nothing in this subsection shall be
32 construed to exempt paid or volunteer firefighters, police officers or
33 emergency medical services personnel from completing training in
34 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or in the use of an automatic external
35 defibrillator in accordance with the standard set forth by the American
36 Red Cross or American Heart Association. For the purposes of this
37 subsection, "automatic external defibrillator" means a device that: (1) Is
38 used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart;
39 (2) contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or
40 special software that allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make
41 medical diagnosis and, if necessary, apply therapy; (3) guides the user
42 through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts;
43 and (4) does not require the user to employ any discretion or judgment
44 in its use."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	52-557b(a)
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